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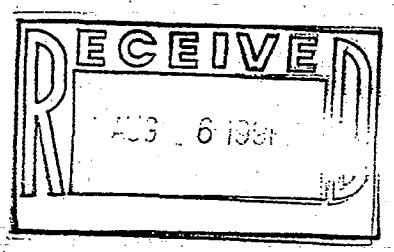

Dr. Harmon C. McAllister
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Dear Dr. McAllister:

The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) will sponsor the third FASEB Summer Research Conference on the "Physiology and Pathophysiology of the Splanchnic Circulation", which will be held at Copper Mountain, Colorado on July 26-31, 1992. This conference will tentatively have sessions on the following topics:

Session I	Chemical Modulators of Gastrointestinal Blood Flow
Session II	Interactions Between Neural and Local Mechanisms of Vasoregulation
Session III	Molecular and Cellular Basis of Microvascular Functions
Session IV	The Microvasculature and Gastrointestinal Mucosal Injury: Role of Blood Flow and Vascular Permeability
Session V	The Microvasculature and Gastrointestinal Mucosal Injury: Role of Angiogenesis
Session VI	Role of the Circulation in Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD)
Session VII	Hepatic Circulation and Metabolism
Session VIII	Alcohol Effects on the Liver and G.I. Tract
Session IX	Portal Hypertension

The philosophy and goals of the meeting are unique. In addition to bringing together clinicians and basic scientists with interests in disorders of the splanchnic organs, the meeting will bring traditional investigators of the splanchnic circulation together with investigators using more cellular or molecular techniques. Thus, we hope to identify potential new research areas and to stimulate interdisciplinary research efforts. As the Conference Chairman, I would like to invite approximately 50 eminent investigators to speak at the meeting, and I want to encourage a number of promising young investigators to attend, by paying their expenses. Although both the American Gastroenterological Society and FASEB have endorsed the conference and have provided generous financial support, I still need about $15,000 to ensure that the meeting is a scientific success. The funds will be used exclusively for support of eminent clinical and basic science investigators' meeting costs ($400) and travel expenses (between $400 and $1000 for domestic and foreign participants).

Any amount of funding your organization can contribute will be a great help. In addition, if any of the members of your organization would benefit from attending the conference, please bring the opportunity to their attention. As

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can be seen from the above topics, the first three sessions and Session VII are devoted to basic principles, whereas the remaining five sessions deal exclusively with etiology and treatment of gastrointestinal and hepatic diseases. The invited speakers will summarize the current concepts and new developments in their fields during the morning (Sessions I, III, V, VII and IX) and evening (Sessions II, IV, VI and VIII). Poster sessions are scheduled daily in the afternoon, so that interested participants can present information related to the topics on that day and discuss their data with experts in the field. Attendance is limited, so please let me know at the earliest possible date whether any of your associates would like to attend.

During the balance of 1991 and 1992 the meeting will be publicized widely in appropriate scientific journals. However, if you would like any additional information, please get in touch with me or the Conference Vice-Chairman, Dr. P.R. Kvietys, Dept. Physiology & Biophysics, LSU Medical Center, P.O. Box 33932, Shreveport, LA 71130-3932.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

C.C. Chou, M.D., Ph.D.
Conference Chairman

P.S. If you can support this conference, please send me your check made payable to "FASEB" and annotated "1992 Splanchnic Circulation Conference".

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